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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

10 MICHAEL JOHN MOE,

11 Petitioner,

12 vs.

13 BRIAN E. WILLIAMS, SR., *et al.*,

14 Respondents.  
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Case No. 3:14-cv-00410-RCJ-WGC

**ORDER**

18 Michael John Moe, a Nevada prisoner, has submitted an application to proceed *in forma*  
19 *pauperis* (#1) and a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (#1-1). The court  
20 has reviewed the petition pursuant to Habeas Rule 4, and the petition shall be docketed and served upon  
21 the respondents.

22 A petition for federal habeas corpus should include all claims for relief of which petitioner is  
23 aware. If petitioner fails to include such a claim in his petition, he may be forever barred from seeking  
24 federal habeas relief upon that claim. *See* 28 U.S.C. §2254(b) (successive petitions). If petitioner is  
25 aware of any claim not included in his petition, he should notify the court of that as soon as possible,  
26 perhaps by means of a motion to amend his petition to add the claim.  
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Also before the court is petitioner's motion for the appointment of counsel (#1-2). There is no constitutional right to appointed counsel for a federal habeas corpus proceeding. *Pennsylvania v. Finley*, 481 U.S. 551, 555 (1987); *Bonin v. Vasquez*, 999 F.2d 425, 428 (9th Cir.1993). The decision to appoint counsel is generally discretionary. *Chaney v. Lewis*, 801 F.2d 1191, 1196 (9th Cir.1986), cert. denied, 481 U.S. 1023 (1987); *Bashor v. Risley*, 730 F.2d 1228, 1234 (9th Cir.), cert. denied, 469 U.S. 838 (1984). However, counsel must be appointed if the complexities of the case are such that denial of counsel would amount to a denial of due process, and where the petitioner is a person of such limited education as to be incapable of fairly presenting his claims. *See Chaney*, 801 F.2d at 1196; *see also Hawkins v. Bennett*, 423 F.2d 948 (8th Cir.1970). The petition on file in this action appears sufficiently clear in presenting the issues that petitioner wishes to raise, and the legal issues do not appear to be particularly complex; therefore, counsel is not justified. Petitioner's motion is denied.

**IT THEREFORE IS ORDERED** that petitioner's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (#1) is **GRANTED**.

**IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that the Clerk shall file and **ELECTRONICALLY SERVE** the petition (#1-1) on the respondents.

**IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that respondents shall file a response to the petition, including potentially by motion to dismiss, within **ninety (90) days** of service of the petition, with any requests for relief by petitioner by motion otherwise being subject to the normal briefing schedule under the local rules. **Any response filed shall comply with the remaining provisions below, which are entered pursuant to Habeas Rule 4.**

**IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that any procedural defenses raised by respondents in this case shall be raised together in a single consolidated motion to dismiss. In other words, the court does not wish to address any procedural defenses raised herein either in seriatum fashion in multiple successive motions to dismiss or embedded in the answer. Procedural defenses omitted from such motion to dismiss will be subject to potential waiver. Respondents shall not file a response in this case that consolidates their procedural defenses, if any, with their response on the merits, except pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(2) as to any unexhausted claims clearly lacking merit. If respondents do seek

1 dismissal of unexhausted claims under § 2254(b)(2): (a) they shall do so within the single motion to  
2 dismiss **not** in the answer; and (b) they shall specifically direct their argument to the standard for  
3 dismissal under § 2254(b)(2) set forth in *Cassett v. Stewart*, 406 F.3d 614, 623-24 (9th Cir. 2005). In  
4 short, no procedural defenses, including exhaustion, shall be included with the merits in an answer. All  
5 procedural defenses, including exhaustion, instead must be raised by motion to dismiss.

6 **IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that, in any answer filed on the merits, respondents shall  
7 specifically cite to and address the applicable state court written decision and state court record  
8 materials, if any, regarding each claim within the response as to that claim.

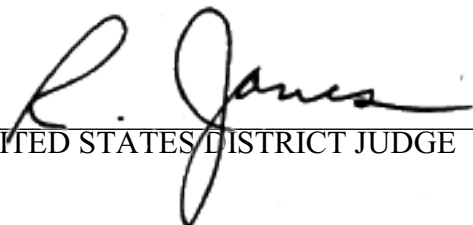
9 **IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that petitioner shall have **thirty (30) days** from service of the  
10 answer, motion to dismiss, or other response to file a reply or opposition, with any other requests for  
11 relief by respondents by motion otherwise being subject to the normal briefing schedule under the local  
12 rules.

13 **IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that any additional state court record exhibits filed herein by  
14 either petitioner or respondents shall be filed with a separate index of exhibits identifying the exhibits  
15 by number. The CM/ECF attachments that are filed further shall be identified by the number or  
16 numbers of the exhibits in the attachment. The hard copy of any additional state court record exhibits  
17 shall be forwarded – for this case – to the staff attorneys in Reno.

18 **IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that the Clerk SHALL FILE petitioner's motion for appointment  
19 of counsel (#1-2).

20 **IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that the motion for appointment of counsel (#1-2) is **DENIED**.

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22 Dated: This 19th day of November, 2014.

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26 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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